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In a Second Letter to D---n S---t.

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*Such Policy, such Arts, and such Decorum,  
Has not been seen in any State before 'em.*

*Hesiod, aut al.*

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## Second LETTER, &amp;c.

S I R,



HO' I have been sufficiently roasted, as the jocosè Term is, for addressing my self to you upon this Occasion; (Rumour assigning you to be the Man;) yet, as I had the Honour of your Commands for so doing, I will pursue my Purpose in acting the Part of a faithful *Journalist*, and in regular Order, give you an *Extract* of Mr. *Gulliver's Voyage to Brobdingnag*.

## C H A P. I.

**H**E begins with a patheticall Complaint, that both *Nature and Fortune* had condemned him to an *active and restless Life*. Then describes the Disasters of his Voyage at first setting out, and the violent Storm in which he was endangered. Thus after above a Year's sailing in Tempests and Hurricanes, they at length discovered Land. Page 2.  
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Ibid.

These Turbulencies, thro' which Mr. Gulliver had passed, seem to me a beautiful Allegory of the South Sea and Mississippi Confusion, and the Brobdingnagian he met with, as tall as a Spire-Steeples, seems not more monstrous than the former of those Stocks at a Thousand per Cent. And the other seven Monsters that approach'd him, might have been match'd in Exchange Alley, with Welch-Copper, Gold Dust, Meliorating Oyl, and other flourishing Bubbles of renown in those Days. Directors knew the use of Reaping-Hooks, and obtained a Licence for putting them in Execution.

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Now, Sir, I agree with our Traveller, that undoubtedly Philosophers are in the right when they tell us, that nothing is great or little otherwise than by Comparison. Therefore in the Course of these Observations I shall only offer my own Conjectures, but when I come to wind up the Bottom I will faithfully transmit to you the Sentiments of the Publick, especially the Litterati, concerning these remote Nations, and the Discoverer of them.

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The Distresses poor Lemuel underwent in Brobdingnag, caused in him, no doubt, an inexpressible Fear of his Life; but these Misfortunes were greatly alleviated by his Entertainment at the Farmer's Table, so much resembling the good old English Hospitality.

The Cat here, so far exceeded in all respects Montaigne's Puss, that for your Amusement I will transcribe the Description given of this Creature.

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" In the midst of Dinner, says he, my Mistress's favourite Cat leapt into her Lap, I  
 " I heard a Noise behind me like that of a dozen  
 " Stocking-Weavers at Work; and turning my  
 " Head, I found it proceeded from the purring  
 " of this Animal, who seemed to be three Times  
 " larger than an Ox, as I computed by view  
 " of



" of her Head, and one of her Paws, while  
" her Mistress was feeding and stroaking her.  
" The Fierceness of this *Creature's* Countenance  
" altogether discomposed me; tho' I stood at  
" the farther end of the Table, above fifty Foot  
" off, and altho' my Mistress held her fast for  
" fear she might give a spring, and seize me in  
" her Talons. But it happened there was no  
" Danger; for the *Cat* took not the least  
" Notice of me when my Master placed me with-  
" in three Yards of her. And as I have been  
" always told, and found true by Experience in  
" my Travels, that flying or discovering Fear  
" before a fierce Animal, is a certain Way to  
" make it pursue or attack you, so I resolved  
" in this dangerous Juncture to shew no manner  
" of concern. I walked with Intrepidity five  
" or six Times before the very Head of the *Cat*,  
" and came within half a Yard of her; where-  
" upon she drew herself back, as if she were  
" more afraid of me: I had less Apprehension  
" concerning the *Dogs*, whereof three or four  
" came into the Room, as it is usual in Farmer's  
" Houses; one of which was a *Mastiff*, equal in  
" Bulk to four *Elephants*, and a *Greyhound* some-  
" what taller than the *Mastiff*, but not so large. *Page 10.*  
The grave Style wherein Mr. *Gulliver* has de-  
liver'd himself in this Description is a very just  
Reprehenfion of those Romantick *Nugæ*, where-  
with the Books of some modern Travellers are  
stuffed.

The skirmish he likewise had with two *Rats*,  
which it seems are likewise of the Size of a large  
*Mastiff*, but infinitely more nimble and fierce; and *Pag. 12.*  
his many other Adventures in the Family of his  
Master the Farmer, I refer to your own perusal,  
and shall conclude this Chapter in his own  
Words.

" I hope the gentle Reader, and especially  
" your self, will excuse me for dwelling on these  
" Particulars

“ Particulars, which however insignificant they  
 “ may appear to grovelling vulgar Minds, yet  
 “ will certainly help a Philosopher to enlarge  
 “ his Thoughts and Imagination, and apply  
 “ them to the Benefit of the Publick as well as  
 “ private Life, which was my sole Design in  
 “ presenting this and other Accounts of my  
 “ Travels to the World ; wherein I have been  
 “ chiefly studious of Truth, without affecting  
 “ any Ornaments of Learning or of Style. But  
 “ the whole Scene of this Voyage made so strong  
 “ an Impression on my Mind, and is so deeply  
 “ fixed in my Memory, that in committing it  
 “ to Paper, I did not omit one material Cir-  
 “ cumstance : However, upon a strict Review,  
 “ I blotted out several Passages of less Moment,  
 “ which were in my first Copy, for fear of be-  
 “ ing censur’d as tedious and trifling, whereof  
 “ Travellers are often, perhaps not without  
 Page 13. “ Justice, accused.

## C H A P. II.

Page 14. **B**EGINS with a Description of the Far-  
 mer’s *Daughter of nine Years old*, whose En-  
 dowments he very much commends, but assures  
 Page 14. us, that tho’ she was *above forty Foot high*, she  
 was accounted *little for her Age*. Such a Friend-  
 ship commenced between them, that he called  
 Page 15. her *his little Nurse*, for to her Care was he whol-  
 ly committed. And as to his Destiny, of be-  
 ing carried up and down the Country for a  
 Show, he did not at all repine, well observing,  
 “ That such a Misfortune could never be charg-  
 “ ed upon him as a Reproach if ever he should  
 “ return to *England* ; since the King of *Great-*  
 “ *Britain* himself, in his Condition, must have  
 Page. 16. “ undergone the same Distress, “ Upon the Far-  
 mer’s

mer's Resolution, they all set out on their Journey to the Metropolis, called *Lorbrulgrud*, or *Page 18.*  
*Pride of the Universe*, whereat being safely arrived, he concludes the Chapter.

CHAP. III.

HEREIN he recounts the Fatigues he underwent, how he was sent for to Court, and at length sold to the *Queen*, who presented him to the *King*. "Now his Majesty, altho' he be as learned a Person as any in his Dominions, had been, says he, Educated in the Study of Philosophy, and particularly Mathematicks; yet when he observed my Shape exactly, and saw me walk erect, before I began to speak, conceived I might be a Piece of Clock-work, contrived by some ingenious Artift, which (as well as in *Germany*) is in that Country arrived to a very great Perfection. But when he heard my Voice, and found what I delivered to be regular and rational, he could not conceal his Astonishment,  
"The King sent for three great Scholars, who were then in waiting. These Gentlemen, after they had a while examined my Shape with much Nicety, were all of different Opinions concerning me, they all agreed that I could not be produced according to the regular Laws of Nature, because I was not framed with a Capacity of preserving my Life, either by Swiftnefs, or climbing of Trees, or digging Holes in the Earth. They observed by my Teeth, which they viewed with great Exactness, that I was a carnivorous Animal; yet most Quadrupeds being an overmatch for me, and Field-mice, with some others, too nimble, they could not imagine how

“ how I should be able to support my self, un-  
 “ less I fed upon Snails, and other Insects  
 “ which they offered, by many learned Argu-  
 “ ments \*, to evince that I could not do. One  
 “ of these, Woodwardian Virtuosi, seemed to  
 “ think that I might be an Embrio, or abortive  
 “ Birth. But this Opinion was rejected by the  
 “ other two, who observed my Limbs to be  
 “ perfect and finished, and that I had lived se-  
 “ veral Years, as it was manifest from my Beard,  
 “ the Stumps whereof they plainly discovered  
 “ thro’ a Magnifying-Glass. They would not  
 “ allow me to be a Dwarf, because my Little-ness  
 “ was beyond all Degrees of Comparison; for  
 “ the Queen’s favourite Dwarf, the smallest  
 “ ever known in that Kingdom, was near thir-  
 “ ty Foot high. After much Debate, they con-  
 “ cluded unanimously, that I was only *Resplum*  
 “ *Scalcatb*, which is interpreted literally, *Lusus*  
 “ *Natura*; a Determination exactly agreeable  
 “ to the modern Philosophy of Europe, whose  
 “ Professors disdaining the old Evasion of Oc-  
 “ cult Causes, whereby the followers of Aristotle  
 “ endeavour in vain to disguise their Igno-  
 “ rance, have invented this wonderful Solu-  
 “ tion of all Difficulties, to the unspeakable Ad-  
 “ vancement of human Knowledge.

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I thought it highly necessary Mr. D—n, in  
 this Place to give Mr. Gulliver’s Account of him-  
 self as he appeared in this Nation of Giants, be-  
 cause in Lilliput he was looked upon as a Giant  
 himself. And the rising Transactions of the pre-  
 sent English Royal Society is here so finely rallied,  
 that I hope it will contribute to their Amend-  
 ment, in giving the World more useful Noti-  
 ces than Aubin’s Insects, or Woodward’s Fossils.

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\* The insufficiency of Lucrative-Debates is fine-  
 ly exposed in D—n S—’s *Cadenus* and *Vanessa*.



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After this decisive Conclusion, says *Lemuel*, I entreated to be heard a Word or two. I applied my self to the King, and assured his Majesty that I came from a Country which abounded with several Millions of both Sexes, and of my own Stature; where the Animals, Trees, and Houses were all in Proportion, and where by Consequence I might be as able to defend my self, and to find Sustenance, as any of his Majesty's Subjects could do here; which I took for a full Answer to those Gentlemen's Arguments.

The Reception which both Mr, *Gulliver* and *Glumdalclitch* the Farmer's Daughter found in the Royal Palace was very extraordinary; for there, as well as at her Father's House, the Care of him was wholly appropriated to her self. Their Amusements were very surprizing on many Accounts, to which I refer, keeping more close to what befel him. He thus proceeds. The Prince took a Pleasure in conversing with me, enquiring into the Manners, Religion, Laws, Government and Learning of *Europe*; wherein I gave him the best Account I was able. His Apprehension was so clear, and his Judgment so exact, that he made very wise Reflections and Observations upon all I said.

He next acquaints us, that the King asked him, whether he were a *Whig* or a *Tory*? His Majesty also made some very severe Censures upon *England*, at which, says *Lemuel*, My Colour came and went several Times with Indignation to hear our noble Country, the Mistress of Arts and Arms, the Scourge of *France*, the Arbitress of *Europe*, the Seat of *Virtue*, *Piety*, Honour and Truth, the Pride and Envy of the World, so contemptuously treated.

This Chapter closes with a merry Rencontre or two he had with the Queen's Dwarf, together with his Dexterity in dispatching four

Wasps, which were as large as *Partridges*; their Stings an Inch and a half long, and as sharp as Needles. He carefully preserved them all and having, says he, 'Twice shewn them with some other Curiosities in several Parts of Europe; upon my Return to *England* I gave three of them to *Gresham College*, and kept the Fourth for my self.

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#### CHAP. IV.

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THE Country is herein described, the King's Palace, the chief Temple, some Account of the Metropolis *Lorbrulgrud*, and of the Author's Way of Travelling. To which I refer you and all my other Readers. For you must know, Sir, that being by Nature somewhat envious of Fame in the *Litterary Way*, I hope by the Interest of your universal Correspondence, not only to find these my Observations and Notes in the *Mercure Galant*, *Le Clerc's Bibliothèque Journal de Scavans*, *Acta Eruditorum Lipsia*, but request you will write a Line in my Behalf to the Author of the *New Memoirs of Literature*, published here, *par les Freres Jnnys*, because it is a general as well as just Complaint, that *Extracts* of very few Books are inserted but what these *Messieurs* print, unless it be the Labours of a disaffected Faction, which indeed are therein faithfully inrolled by one Means or other, so that you have them all from *Luke Milbourn's* Legacy to *Tom Hearne's* Catalogue of *Glastenbury Relicks*. For the following Books all published within these six Months; are every one omitted, which I hope proves the Validity of my Complaint.

I. The Works of that honest Patriot *Andrew Marvell*, Esq; in Verse and Prose. Collected into

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two Volumes by Mr. Cooke. and Dedicated to his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, and the Earl of Pembroke.

II. The Memoirs of John Kerr of Kerland Esq;

III. Mr. Pope's Familiar Letters to Henry Cromwell Esq; 2 Vols.

IV. The Whartoniana. 2 Vols.

V. The Terra-Eilius. 2 Vols.

VI. Mr. Curl's Translation of Bishop Parker's History of his own Time, with Remarks throughout. Addressed to the learned Bilshop Potter.

These are passed by as Writers not worthy the Notice of the *Impartial Journalist*; but Mr. Newlin's imperfect Version of Parker's History, to say no worse of it, has found a Place, with some very idle Encomiums in praise of that *Episcopal Legend*.

This Excursion, Mr. D—n, I am sure you will pardon thro' your innate Love of Letters. I shall therefore pursue my agreeable Task, and conclude this Chapter, with an Observation which cannot be made too publick, and with which Mr. Gulliver begins it, that our Geographers of Europe are in a great Error, by supposing nothing but Sea between Japan and California; for it was ever my Opinion, says he, that there must be a Balance of Earth to counterpoise the great Continent of Tartary; and therefore they ought to correct their Maps and Charts, by joining this vast Tract of Land \* to the North-West Parts of America, wherein I shall be ready to lend them my Assistance.

\* Brobdingnag.

C H A P.

## C H A P. V.

- Page 36. Several Adventures that happened to the Author are herein recited, beginning with an unfortunate one which befel him for punning upon the Queen's Dwarf, and the Dwarf-Apple-Trees in the Garden. After relating the several Accidents which befel him, he acquaints the Reader with the great Civilities he received from the Maids of Honour. The Dalliances between them and Lemuel were very uncommon, for, he says, *They would often strip him from Top to Toe, and lay him at full Length in their Bosoms*. At other Times, *They would strip themselves to the Skin, and put on their Smocks in his Presence, while he was placed on their Toilet directly before them*. He adds, That the handsomest among these Maids of Honour, was a pleasant frolicksom Girl of Sixteen, would sometimes, says he, set me astride upon one of her Nipples, with many other Tricks, wherein the Reader will excuse me for not being over Particular. But as reserved as our Friend Lemuel would seem, yet he has archly enough observed, that some of these Court Ladies have very remarkable Moles, here and there as broad as a Trencher, and Hairs hanging from them thicker than Packthread, to say nothing farther concerning the rest of their Persons.
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However, it is to be hoped, that these Passages will be taken as sufficient Cautions by some other Court Ladies, to restrain the indecent Liberties they give themselves in their Discourses, Dress, and Behaviour, too frequently practised in the Play-House, at Drawing-Room-Assemblies, and at Masquerades.

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The Execution he mentions, nearly resembles *Page 40.*  
one so recent in our Memories, that I shall pass  
it over without any farther Observation.

Mr. *Gulliver* next shews his Skill in Naviga-  
tion, by Rowing before the King and Queen, *Page 41.*  
and several Adventures befel him, particular-  
ly a very dangerous one 'from a Monkey, as  
'big as an *Elephant*, who belonged to one of the  
'Clerks of the Kitchen, for which he was kill- *Page 42.*  
'ed, and an Order made, that no such Animal  
'should be kept about the Palace.

This Misfortune being over, among other  
grave Reflections, 'How vain an Attempt is *Page 44.*  
it, said he, for a Man to endeavour doing him-  
self Honour among those who are out of all  
'Degree of Equality or Comparison with him?  
'And yet I have seen the Moral of my own  
'Behaviour very frequent in *England*, since  
'my return, where a little contemptible Var-  
'let, without the least Title to Birth, Person,  
'Wit, or common Sense, shall presume to look  
'with Importance, and put himself upon a Foot  
'with the greatest Persons of the Kingdom.

This Observation, Mr. *D—n*, we both know *Page 44.*  
to be true, and I have had the Honour of hear-  
ing it confirmed by *Arthur Moore Esq*; at his  
rural Seat in *Surrey*. I am likewise assured that  
his hopeful Son, *Femmy*, resolves to lash this  
Race of *Upstarts* in a Comedy which is shortly  
to make its Appearance upon the *Theatre-Royal*  
in *Drury-Lane*.

This Chapter ends with a *Disaster* that befel  
poor *Lemuel*, betokening good Luck; 'which, *Page 45.*  
'says he, the Footman spread about the Court,  
'so that all the Mirth, for some Days, was at  
'my Expence.

## CHAP. VI.

- A** Reception so hospitable did our Traveller meet with at the Court of *Lorbrulgrud*. that he studied several Contrivances to please their Majesties ; such as making *Combs* of the Stumps of the *King's* Beard, and *Chairs* of the Combings of the *Queen's* Hair. These and many other Pastimes he invented for their Royal Amusement, with which the *King*, in Particular, was so highly entertained, that he began, says
- Page 46. ' he, to conceive a much better Opinion of me than he had ever before. He desired I would give him as exact an Account of the Government of *England* as I possibly could ; because as fond as Princes commonly are of their own Customs (for so he conjectured of other Monarchs, by my former Discourses) he should be glad to hear of any Thing that might deserve Imitation.
- Page 49. Mr. *Gulliver* began his Discourse by informing his Majesty of the Extent of the *English* Dominions, the Fertility of the Soil, and the Temperature of the Climate. He then spoke at large upon the Constitution of an *English* Parliament, partly made up of an Illustrious Body, called the *House* of *Peers*, Persons of the noblest Blood, and of the most antient and ample Patrimonies. To these are joined several Holy Persons, as part of that Assembly, under the Title of *Bishops*, whose peculiar Business it is to take Care of Religion, and of those who instruct the People therein. He next shewed, that the other Part of the *Parliament* was called the *House* of *Commons*, who were all principal Gentlemen, freely picked and culled out by the People themselves, for their great
- Page 50. Abilities

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Abilities and Love of their Country, to represent the Wisdom of the whole Nation.

He then descended to the Courts of Justice, over which the Judges, those venerable Sages and Interpreters of the Law presided, for determining the disputed Rights and Properties of Men, as well as for the Punishment of Vice, and Protection of Innocence.

He mentioned the *prudent* Management of their Treasury, the Valour and Achievements of their Forces by Sea and Land.

He computed the Number of their People, by *Page 52.* reckoning how many Millions there might be of each religious Sect (including the *Henleyarians*) or political Party among them. He did not omit even their Sports and Pastimes, or any other Particular which he thought might redound to the Honour of his Country.

The King heard the whole with great Attention, frequently taking Notes of what he spoke, as well as Memorandums of all Questions he intended to ask him.

His Majesty consulting his Notes, proposed many Doubts, Queries. and Objections, upon every Article, He asked,

I. What *Methods* were used to cultivate the *Page 52.* Minds and Bodies of young *Nobility*?

II. What *Course* was taken to supply that Assembly when any *noble* Family became extinct?

III. What *Qualifications* were necessary in those who were to be created *New Lords*? Whether the Humour of the Prince, a Sum of Money to a Court Lady, or a Prime Minister, or a Design of strengthening a Party opposite to the publick Interest ever happened to be Motives in those Advancements?

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IV. What *Share* of *Knowledge* these Lords had in the Laws of their Country, and how they came by it, so as to enable them to decide the Properties of their Fellow-Subjects in the last Resort? Whether they were always so free from Avarice, Partialities, or Want, that a Bribe, or some other sinister View, could have no Place among them?

Page 53. V. Whether these *Holy Lords*, the Bishops, were always promoted to that Rank upon Account of their *Knowledge* in *religious Matters*, and the *Sanctity* of their *Lives*, had never been Compilers with the Times, while they were common Priests, or slavish prostitute Chaplains to some Nobleman, whose Opinions they continued servilely to follow after they were admitted into that Assembly?

VI. He then desired to know, What Arts were practised in electing *Commoners*? Whether a Stranger, with a strong Purse, might not Influence the vulgar Voters to chuse him before their own Landlord, or the most considerable Gentlemen in the Neighbourhood.

VII. How it came to pass, that People were so violently bent upon getting into that Assembly, which was said to be a great Trouble and Expence, often to the ruin of their Families, without any Salary or Pension; because this appeared such an exalted Strain of Virtue and publick Spirit, that his Majesty seemed to doubt it might possibly not be always sincere.

VIII. And he desired to know whether such zealous Gentlemen could have any Views of refunding themselves for the Charges and Trouble they were at, by sacrificing the publick Good to the



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the Designs of a weak and vicious Prince, in Conjunction with a corrupt Ministry? The King multiplied his Questions, says Mr. Gulliver, and sifted me thoroughly upon every Part of this Head, proposing numberless Enquiries and Objections, which I think it not prudent or convenient to repeat.

His Majesty desired to be satisfied in several Points relating to the *English* Courts of Justice, as to what Time was usually spent in determining between Right and Wrong, and what degree of Expence.——Whether Party in Religion or Politicks were observed to be of any Weight in the Scale of Justice, &c? He fell next upon the Management of the *English* Treasury, observing, that whereas the *Taxes* had been computed to about five or six Millions a Year, the *Issues* he found by Calculation amounted to more than double those Sums.

He went on to enumerate many other political Corruptions, and enquired very strictly into that private one of Gaming, he desired to know at what Age this Entertainment was usually taken up, by our Nobility and Gentry, and when it was laid down? He reflected, that besides its fatal Consequences in exhausting their Fortunes, it habituated them to vile Companions, wholly prevented the Improvement of their Minds, and forced them by the Losses they received, to learn and practise the same infamous Dexterity upon others.

His Majesty was perfectly astonished, says Mr. Gulliver, with the Historical Account I gave him of our Affairs during the last Century, protesting it was only a Heap of Conspiracies, Rebellions, Murders, Massacres, Revolutions,

‘ volutions, Banishments, the very worst E  
‘ fects that Avarice, Faction, Hypocrisy, Per  
‘ fidiousness, Cruelty, Rage, Madness, Hatred  
‘ Envy, Lust, Malice, or Ambition could pro  
‘ duce.

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*Lastly*, He delivered himself in these Words  
which I shall never forget, nor the Manner he  
spoke them in :

‘ You have made a most admirable Panegy  
‘ rick upon your Country : You have clearly  
‘ proved that Ignorance, Idleness, and Vice  
‘ may be sometimes the only Ingredients for  
‘ qualifying a Legislator : That Laws are best  
‘ explained, interpreted, and applied by those  
‘ whose Interest and Abilities lie in perverting,  
‘ confounding, and eluding them. I observe a-  
‘ mong you some *Lines* of an Institution, which  
‘ in its Original might have been tolerable, but  
‘ *these* half-erazed and blotted by Corruptions.  
‘ It doth not appear from all you have said,  
‘ how any one Virtue is required towards the  
‘ Procurement of any one Station among you,  
‘ much less that Men were ennobled on Ac-  
‘ count of their Virtue, that Priests were ad-  
‘ vanced for their Piety or Learning, Soldiers  
‘ for their Conduct or Valour, Judges for their  
‘ Integrity, Senators for the Love of their Coun-  
‘ try, or Counsellors for their Wisdom,

‘ As for your self, who have spent the great-  
‘ est Part of your Life in Travelling, I am  
‘ well disposed to hope you may hitherto have  
‘ escaped many Vices of your Country. But  
‘ by what I have gathered from your own Re-  
‘ lation, and the Answers I have with much  
‘ Pains wringed and extorted from you, I can-  
‘ not but conclude the *Bulk* of your Natives

to be the most pernicious Race of little odious Vermin, that Nature ever suffered to crawl upon the Surface of the Earth.

Now, Mr. D—n, happy, thrice happy is it for the *English* Nation, that with Heart and Voice they can proclaim, *Tempora Mutantur!* All these Corruptions being the Growth of the last Reign, as appears by Mr. *Gulliver's* Map which bears Date, *Anno 1703.*

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C H A P. VII.

THE Author opens with the Love of his Country, which he very elegantly sets forth. 'I have always born, says he, that laudable Partiality to my own Country, which *Dionysius Halicarnassensis* with so much Justice recommends to an Historian: I would hide the Frailties and Deformities of my political Mother, and place her Virtues and Beauties in the most advantageous Light.

The Account he gives of the *Invention of Gun-powder and Guns*, seemed very horrible to his *Brobdingnagian* Majesty. 'He protested, that altho' few Things delighted him so much as New Discoveries in Art or in Nature, yet he would rather lose half his Kingdom than be privy to such Secrets as these destructive Machines, which he commanded me, as I valued my Life, never to mention more,

Mr. *Gulliver* observes this to be a strange Effect of narrow Principles; and having drawn

an amiable Character of this Prince, farther  
*Page 57.* informs us, ' That they had not in his Court  
 ' reduced Politicks into a Science, as the more  
 ' acute Wits of *Europe* have done.

*Page 58.* He next gives an Account of the Learning  
*Page 59.* of the *Brobdingnagians*, their Laws, their Li-  
*Page 59.* braries, their Writers, their Military Affairs,  
*Page 60.* and the Exercise of their Forces, which is very  
 surprizing.

He remarks, that in the Course of many  
 Ages they have been troubled with the *same*  
 Disease, to which so many *other Governments*  
 are subject, *viz.* the *Nobility* often contending  
 for *Power*, the *People* for *Liberty*, and the *King*  
 for *absolute Dominion*.

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*Page 63.* **M**R. *Gulliver* now faithfully relates the  
 Story of his Deliverance, by Means of  
 attending the King and Queen in a Progress  
 to the *South Coasts* of the Kingdom. He had  
 always, he says, a strong Impulse that he should  
 recover his Liberty, tho' it was impossible to  
 conjecture how, or form any Project with  
*Page 64.* the least hope of succeeding. He had been a-  
 bove two Years in the Country, and relates,  
 that when the King came to his Journey's End,  
 he thought proper to pass a few Days at a  
*Page 65.* Palace he has near *Flanflasnic*, a City with-  
 in eighteen Miles of the Sea-side. He adds,  
 that he was much fatigued, had gotten a  
 small Cold, pretended to be worse than he  
 really



ally was, and desired Leave to take the fresh Air of the Sea, with a Page whom he was very fond of, and who had sometime been trusted with him. The Boy, says he, took me about half an Hour's Walk from the Palace towards the Rocks on the Sea-shore. I cast many a wistful melancholy Look towards the Ocean. I found my self not very well, and told the Page, that I had a Mind to take a Nap, which I hoped would do me good. I soon fell asleep, but found my self suddenly awakened with a violent pull upon the Ring which was fastened at the Top of my Box, for the conveniency of Carriage. This wonderful Account of his Conveyance by an *Eagle*, terminates with his being dropt into the Sea after two Hour's flight.

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The many anxious Thoughts he entertained in the watry Element, were at last relieved in his being taken up by an *English Ship*. The Captain whereof took me up into his Cabbin, gave him a Cordial, and made him turn in upon his own Bed. He slept some Hours, but was perpetually disturbed with *Dreams* of the Place he had left, and the Dangers he had escaped. However, upon *waking*, he found himself much recovered,

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He begged the Captain's Patience to hear him tell his Story, which he faithfully did from the last Time he left *England* to the Moment he first discovered him. 'And as Truth, 'says he, always forceth its Way into rational Minds, so this honest worthy Gentleman, who had some Tincture of Learning and very good Sense, was immediately convinced of my Candour and Veracity.

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Ibid.

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He then made the Captain a Present of the *Rarities* he had collected in the Country from whence he had been so strangely delivered. Among which, was the Corn he had cut off with his own Hand, from a Maid of Honour's Toe: it was about the Bigness of a *Kentish* Pippin, and grown so hard, that he got it hollowed into a Cup, and set in Silver.

I must here conclude my *Second* Letter, only with observing, that he arrived safe at Redriff Anno 1706.

I am, Sir, &c.

C. D. M.



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